Master of Arts (MA) in Criminology

Degree Program
A minimum of 33 credit hours, at least 21 of which are in Criminology and Criminal Justice. 12 of these hours represent the core of the curriculum.

Non-thesis option: requires a minimum of 33 credit hours, which includes the 12-hour core course requirement, and at least nine hours of option courses.

Thesis option: preferred option for students planning to continue graduate studies. Students must complete the core, option course requirements, AND six thesis research hours (taken in three hour increments over two semesters).

Program Website
http://www.umsl.edu/ccj/Prospective%20Students/masters.html

Application Requirements
1. Application
   http://www.umsl.edu/gradschool/prospective/apply-now.html

2. Essay
   Briefly explain why an advanced degree in criminology and criminal justice is of interest and why the applicant merits serious consideration.

3. Official transcripts from all universities attended
   Successful applicants must have completed a baccalaureate degree before beginning the master’s program. Students from other countries are required to provide a course by course report from one of three professional evaluation organizations in the United States – World Education Services (WES), Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE), or the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO).

4. Entrance examinations
   a. The Graduate Record Examination General Test is not required but may add value to the application (see http://www.gre.org/ttindex.html).
   b. International students are required to document English proficiency by providing scores from an internationally accepted standardized examination before a decision is made on admission.

5. Grade Point Average
   Minimum of 3.0 on 4.0 scale. Students whose overall GPA is 2.75 to 2.99 may be admitted under some circumstances.

6. Two Letters of Recommendation
   Letters of recommendation from persons qualified to evaluate the applicant’s recent academic work are not required but are recommended.

Application Deadline (for domestic applicants)
April 1 for admission in Fall Semester

Application Fee
$50 for domestic applicants; $40 for international applicants

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